

BISHOP



RAMSEY

Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Single dose COVID-19 Vaccination (Pfizer) for 12 – 15 year olds in school

As you may have heard via the various news channels, this week the Government has announced its decision to provide the option of a single dose of the Pfizer vaccine to students between the ages of 12 and 15 years. This will take place on the school site and we will be writing to you in due course to seek your consent to your son/daughter being vaccinated.

The vaccine is entirely optional for students and, as yet, we are awaiting notification from Hillingdon Local Authority as to the dates when our school will be visited by a team of four vaccinators. Since the ages of students stated by the Government are 12 - 15 and we have students in Year 7 who are currently 11 years of age, we are seeking clarification on the position for them to ensure equity of access to the vaccine across the Year 7 group. We will therefore be seeking consent from all parents/carers of all students currently in Years 7-11. Students ages 16 - 18 have already had the opportunity to receive their first doses of vaccine through the public vaccination programme.

The Local Authority have a clear delivery plan and led the briefing for all schools on the subject. We will set up our vaccination centre in line with their guidelines. We may be asking for some volunteers to act as marshals for the vaccination programme in school and to staff the post-vaccine waiting area.

Mr Britton will continue to lead on all arrangements relating to COVID-19 and the vaccination programme and we will communicate in more detail as soon as we receive further information from the Local Authority.

Yours faithfully

Dr Hilary Macaulay
Executive Head and CEO